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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 4-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>See attached paper.</u> | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ |

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 has been received and reviewed. However, the information disclosure is not deemed to be pertinent over the prior art of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, lines 3 and 6-7, respectively, the terminology "...predetermined rotation speed..." is being considered vague and indefinite.

In claim 3 lines 2 and 4, respectively, the terminology "...predetermined rotation speed..." is being considered vague and indefinite.

A claim is indefinite where it specifies "predetermined" temperatures, etc., when "predetermined" according to applicant's (or applicants') definition, merely means determined before hand. See *Seagrams & Sons Inc., vs Mattell*, 84 U.S.P.Q. 180. Therefore, the claim(s) is\are unpatentable under 35 U.S.P.Q. 112 second paragraph.

The use of "predetermined" reads on a nebulous mental step conducted prior to the manipulative steps of the claimed invention, hence rendering the present process

claims unclear in meaning and scope. If applicant wishes to patent detailed controls over the recited process, they must be positively recited.

In claim 1, line 7, the terminology "vacancy-type" is being considered vague and indefinite.

In claim 3, line 7, the terminology "vacancy-type" is being considered vague and indefinite.

The addition of the word "type" to an otherwise definite expression extends the scope of the expression so as to render it indefinite. *Ex Parte Copenhaver*, 109 USPQ 118 (Bd. App. 1955).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

4. Claims 2 and 4-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Claims 1 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The most relevant prior arts of reference was that of U.S. Pat No. 5,766,341 A and U.S. Patent No. 5,593,498 A (Kimbel, et al). However, they do not teach nor fairly

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suggest singularly or in any combination thereof a method of manufacturing a silicon single crystal, comprising rotating a quartz crucible for storing a silicon melt at a specified rotation speed, rotating a silicon single crystal ingot pulled from the silicon melt in an opposite direction to the rotation of the quartz crucible at a specified rotation speed, and pulling the silicon single crystal ingot at a pull rate such that an interior of the silicon single crystal ingot becomes a perfect region in which agglomerates of interstitial silicon point defects and agglomerates of vacancy point defects are absent: wherein an average rotation speed CR_{TAV} of the quartz crucible during the pulling of the top ingot portion of the silicon crystal ingot is set faster than an average rotation speed CR_{BAV} is set to be within the range of from 0.1 to 7 rpm.

Conclusion

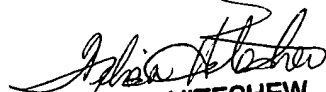
7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTOL-892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Felisa Hiteshew whose telephone number is (571) 272-1463. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Thursday from 5:30 AM to 4:00 PM with Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta, can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-1463.

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